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THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Four countries out of nine were at the Atlanta meeting: Jean Gunn, from Canada; Miss Munck, from Denmark; Mrs. Mannerheim, from Finland; and Miss Noyes, of this country.

The chief subject for discussion was the renewal of international relations. The year of the next American meeting, 1922, had been suggested, and the same time and place for a congress of nurses, but the decision of the members present was that the world is not yet settled and tranquil enough for such gatherings to be planned, and that it is not advisable to look forward to a full meeting before 1924.

No definite plans, therefore, were made, but there is a pleasant possibility of another purely informal gathering in 1922, nevertheless, for the American nurses meet in that year on the Pacific coast. Now we have valued members who will be much nearer to us at that point than any other. The New Zealand and Australian nurses, the members of the Nurses' Association of China and of India, the Japanese Sisters, and the Filipinos, and nurses from Korea really might be able to come across the Pacific Pond to Seattle. We might, then, be able to have at least half of an international meeting, and see our big northwest. At any rate, the secretary is going to cherish this agreeable hope, in the midst of a world so full of uncertainty.

The applying members—Norway, Belgium and Italy—know, of course, that their entrance must be voted on in a full meeting. The executive committee has no power to accept new members, but only to recommend.

Miss Aagot Larsen, whose name was unfortunately given incorrectly in this department some little time ago, is in New York studying training school methods, and is enjoying herself. She is the head of a large Norwegian hospital.

The Scandinavian nurses are going to hold a conference among themselves in September, and they will try to bring Sweden into international membership. The Swedish nurses in 1912 spoke of entering, but unfavorable events since then have broken off correspondence, which we hope may now be resumed.

Mrs. Tscherning of Denmark remains international president; Miss Breay of London, treasurer; and Miss Dock (U. S. A.), secretary.